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## **AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 19, 1999, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 29, line 11, please replace "\_\_/\_\_,\_\_" with --09/123,255--. At page 7, line 6, please replace "Pyrex®" with --PYREX® brand glassware--. At page 7, lines 19 and 23, please replace "Swagelock®" with --SWAGELOCK® brand--. At page 30, line 20, please replace "Waring®" with --WARING® brand--.

Also, please replace Fig. 2 and Fig. 4 with the substitutes enclosed.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 4 and amend claims 1, 10, 15 and 19 as follows:

1. (Amended) A collection of particles comprising aluminum oxide, the collection of particles having an average diameter from about 5 nm to about 500 nm and [effectively no] less than about one in 10<sup>6</sup> particles have a diameter greater than about three [four] times the average diameter of the collection of particles.

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